A Radio Message for YOU!

The Mission Trail

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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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"The Everlasting Gospel"

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Wisdom

I took the best of my youth
For pleasures all my own--
Forgetting I must some day reap
The chaff that I had sown.

I took the best of every day,
When mind was fresh and keen
To do the special things I loved,
The things that would be seen.

My youth soon fled, and I, alone,
Reaped sorrow for my pleasure;
The things I loved to do for show
Proved but an empty treasure.

But when I gave my best to God,
My life--the morning hour--
I found His pleasure was my own,
His grace my shining tower!

--Mildred Jeffery

Greetings, friends, wherever you may be hearing the sound of my voice. It is a real pleasure to be coming your way once again with a short gospel message. In thinking of the gospel, do you remember the 6th verse of the 14th chapter of Revelation which says, "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people"? I am particularly interested in that verse for it mentions the "everlasting gospel".

The everlasting gospel is far reaching. It has to be far reaching because of the devastating effects of sin. Sin is universal. It is known among the civilized people of the earth. Likewise it is found in the darkest jungles of heathenism. It is found among the rich and it is prevalent among the poor. There is no land or nation where people dwell that the effects of sin are not felt. Therefore the gospel of Christ is a universal gospel. It reaches just as far as sin is found. I like the old familiar hymn of Isaac Watts entitled, "Joy to the World". Listen. It says:

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, Rocks, hills
and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy.

But speaking, then, of an universal sin and an universal cure, listen to this third verse.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessing flow
Far as the curse is found.

Friends, I love that verse. I like

that part there where it shows that his grace and blessings flow just as far as the curse is found. Surely there is no limit to the curse which has come upon the people because of their sinful condition, so the gospel reaches to the uttermost to save all who will believe.

To some it may come as a surprise to know that God is still the ruler of the universe. He sets up kingdoms and controls the affairs of the world regardless of evil men. Listen to this fourth verse.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of his love.

And if you would like to prove his love to you in even a greater extent, you will find Him ready to forgive and save you when you come to Christ repenting of your sins.

Now the Apostle Paul in speaking of the gospel said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." It is not enough to have a form of religion, but you must make it a part of your life and live by it every day. The gospel will change the inner man. God is no respector of persons, and He does not recognize age, color, or sex to discriminate against any who would come to Him. The gospel brings down the high and elevates the low. It places all on a common level.

But by the same token, we must come under the same conditions, and that is as one verse of song said, "I came to Jesus repenting, confessing my every sin. My heart's door swung wide open, and glorious peace flowed in." That is the way you get it, friends, by coming confessing and repenting.

But there is one thing sure. You cannot serve the world and your selfish pleasures and please the Lord at the same time. You must put Him first above all. Listen to the 24th verse of the 6th chapter of Matthew. It says, "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

Many people pervert the gospel by denying the power of Christ to save from sin or seeking to change the truth of the scriptures to conform to their "doctrines" of men. But God is not confined to the doctrines of men. He is universal and his gospel is universal. The Bible reads the same in every land. It is sufficient to meet every need and provides the answer to every problem.

There is only one way to be saved, and that is by repentance and faith in Christ, by partaking of the new birth. There is no shortcut; there is no bargain price. You pay a Bible price, and you will get Bible salvation. God sent only one Saviour into the world. There is salvation through no other.

Friends, let us not try to stretch the scriptures to fit a particular interpretation of them, but let us just accept the Word of God as it is written. In this day of many religions let us remember that there is one pure and true religion. The scriptures tell us about it. If we will follow the Word, the teachings of his Word, we will find the path in which He wants us to walk.

God's people make up the church

which our Lord established and He is still the king. One writer put it this way: "We reach our hands in fellowship to every blood-washed one, while love entwines about each heart in which God's will is done." Let us pray.

Our Father,

We ask a special blessing upon every one whose heart is open to receive the everlasting gospel of Christ. May the word spoken find an entrance into every good and honest heart, and may they in turn help to spread the everlasting gospel to the ends of the earth before the coming of our Lord, for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen

Now may I take just a moment, friends, to tell you that this broadcast is brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. We print these weekly messages and mail them free of charge to those who request them. If you are not getting a copy of them each week, send us your name and address, and let us add you to our mailing list. There is no charge or subscription price. It is mailed free as the Lord provides the means. We are trusting Him by faith to keep his Word on the air and through the mail. We appreciate your prayers and co-operation.

Here is a song now, "In the Light of God". I hope you will enjoy this as the congregation is singing a very beautiful song. Listen as they sing together, "In the Light of God".

Friends, it has been a real pleasure to bring you this gospel message today. As you can see, it does not take very long for fifteen minutes to get away from a person. We hope that we have used it to the glory of God and in a way that has been a benefit to you.

Let me leave with you two other verses here found in the 12th chapter of Ecclesiastes, verses 13 and 14. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."

You know, in these days there are many people who do not have the fear of God before them. Many are departing from the Lord. They are giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, and they do not fear the Lord as they should. This is one of the first things that children should be taught to do, older people as well, to fear the Lord.

Then the other part of this verse says to keep his commandments. Now the reasons we are to keep his commandments are many. First it will bring happiness and joy to our own hearts by keeping them, and then it will bring joy to the heart of God and make him pleased with our lives when we do keep his commandments. We have the warning there given that God is going to bring us into judgment with every secret thing so we need to give heed to his word and his commandments.

We hope that as this year goes on, we may be a greater blessing to others by sending forth the gospel on the radio and by the printed copies each week. Now remember this is an everlasting gospel. It is designed and intended to reach the ends of the world. This is one of the commandments that Christ left when He went away that his disciples should preach the gospel into every nation. Every place where sin is found, that is where the gospel needs to go.

We are endeavoring to help reach those places with the gospel. Even in our own land there are many who have not the love of God in their hearts. We hope that they will awaken to their need before it is everlastingly too late.

Now I would like to emphasize that if you would like a copy of the message, we would be glad to send you one free of charge without cost or obligation to you. Simply address your request to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Okla. Be with us again next week on this same station at this same time for another gospel message. We appreciate your prayers and co-operation as we endeavor to spread the Word of the Lord throughout the land wherever the curse of sin is found. We know the gospel will bring peace and contentment to those who accept it. Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying a very cheerful good-bye!

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Testimonies

From Oregon: "Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey, I have just started getting the Mission Trail but have read some passed on to me until now. I enjoy reading your message and the testimonies from so many of the saints. I love the Lord and thank Him for the way He cares for me and supplies every need. He has never failed me even tho I might sometimes fail to keep as close to Him as I should. I know any failure to get what I pray for is not a failure on God's part, but a lack of faith on my part. Pray for me." --Hilda Nielsen

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From Oklahoma: ". . . the dear Lord seems to have been doubly good to me. I thank Him for a rational mind and for a goodly portion of health and strength." --M. L. Reed

From California: "Dear Bro. and Sister Murphey and family, Greetings in Jesus' name. Yes, I enjoy reading the Word of God. Your thoughts have been a help to me. I am not so well at the present time, but I trust the Lord I will be soon. Love to all the dear saints. Pray for me. Your sister in Christ," --Zephyr Weldon

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From West Virginia: "Dear Bro. Murphey and family, Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I haven't been able to get the broadcast, but I enjoy reading the Mission Trail paper, hearing from the saints and the testimonies and all. I would love to be where I could be in the saints' meetings more. I'm here all alone, nowhere to go to meeting, but I'm still trusting the Lord for both soul and body although I don't feel too good in my body at this time. But I know the Lord is able to touch my body again. I want all the saints everywhere to pray for me for I need to be able to work so I'll have money to go to the campmeeting this summer. I look forward to that every summer since the Lord healed me in '63. I have four brothers and a sister and two children I'd love to see saved. Pray for them. I am sending a small offering to help in the work of the Lord. May God bless you all in your labor for souls. Your sister in Christ,"

--Sister Essie Carter

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From Mississippi: "Dear Murphey family, I have really enjoyed reading the little Mission Trail as we cannot pick up any of the stations you broadcast over. We do thank the dear Lord for what few real true Christians there are in the world today. We thank Him for what He has done for us and our family. Praise his dear name forever and forever. . . Bye-bye with Christian love," --The Clarence E. Pughs

From Oklahoma: ". . . My heart is rejoicing because my Jesus abides within. I am so thankful for his healing power. He is my all in all. . . I am going to live as close to Him as I can. . . ." --Sister E. A. Perkins

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From Oklahoma: "Bro. Murphey and family, Yes, keep my name on your mailing list. I appreciate the Word of God which is a revelation of the nature of Jesus. . . All mankind has two destinations, heaven and hell, and there is only one way to heaven, and that's through Jesus for He says I am the way. So we are thankful to receive the Word of God for it reveals Jesus and His ways to us. May God keep you faithful for he that endureth to the end the same shall be saved. Pray for me, also my family. Christian love," --Anna Mae Thompson

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From California: "Dear Saints, I am very happy to be getting the Mission Trail. It means so much to me. Please add me to your mailing list for '68. I am doing very nicely, thanks to our Lord and the saints' prayers. I have a very special urgent unspoken request so please remember me in your prayers. Am enclosing my little offering. Much love and many prayers for you and the work you are doing. Christian love," --Edna Murry

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From Oklahoma: ". . . I'm thankful to God for his saving grace and keeping power. I love the Lord with all my heart, soul, mind and strength. . . I'm pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. He is so wonderful. What a mighty God we serve! The Mission Trail paper has been an inspiration to my heart. May God continue to bless your messages over the broadcasts. One in Christ," --Lillie B. Crisp

My Cup Runneth Over

"My heart is full of praise for my name being enrolled in Heaven, also for the many blessings received from the hand of God. The joy of the Lord is bubbling over in my heart. Truly I can see the Psalmist David's point as he says, and I quote in part: 'My cup runneth over; Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.' Praise God. . .

" 'All the days of my life.' By faith I can see even when we are sorely afflicted, faith tried, tempted or in the darkest hour, God's goodness and mercy follows us even there. If we are prayerful and watchful, our vision is clear and by faith's eye we can see God there. Everyone that I have had was a blessing to me.

"To the sinner (man or woman, girl or boy) that has a burdened heart because of a need of a Saviour (Jesus' blood can make the vilest sinner clean) if you will look up, humbly bow at the cross, ask God to forgive you, turn from your evil, do what is right, God not only can, but He will lift you up and out, set your feet on the rock (Christ Jesus) and establish your goings.

"To the saints of God He has promised never to forsake. In my own experience I have found a friend who is always true. I am glad I have counted the cost and paid the price. . . I am praying for the work of the Lord everywhere and each worker. Please pray for me. Christian love," --Sis. Juanita Watson

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"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over."

Revival Meeting

"Our annual revival starts Friday, January 26, here in Bakersfield. We extend a hearty welcome to all.

"There will be services each day at 1:00 and at 7:30 p. m. Both Friday, Saturday and Sunday there will be three services each day.

"On Saturday the 27th, we have named it Senior Citizens' Day. The congregation and I would like all the elderly saints far and near to come and spend the day in services with us. . . Much Christian love,"

--Bro. I. C. Chandler & congregation
415 E. 11th St., Bakersfield, California 93307

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From Akron, Ohio: "Bro. Harold Reed from Wichita, Kansas was scheduled here on business in Akron, Ohio the week of the 8th through 13th. Bro. Lewis Williams, pastor of Wichita congregation, accompanied him here, hence we enjoyed four nights' meeting at our chapel. The messages were inspiring and spirit filled. . . The meeting was climaxed by a beautiful yet solemn ceremony, uniting Sister Beverly Brown in marriage to Brother Harold Reed. . . All was done in holy reverence which added to the beauty of the entire wedding. We will miss Sis. Beverly as our youth Sunday school teacher. She was also a lively stone in the building, so, we will regret her leaving our congregation, yet wishing and praying the blessings of the Lord on them. They left for Wichita after reception. . ." --Sister Hazel Clark

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From Washington: "Dear Brother Murphey, I am a 14 year old girl. My grandmother started me reading your papers and I enjoy them very much. I enclose one dollar to help you in your Christian work." --Vicky Hackett

From Oklahoma: ". . . It gives me great joy to tell of some of the things that God has done for our family. He healed me of stomach trouble. I do not know what it was, but for a while I was on baby food, and one of the ladies that I work for said it acted like an ulcer. But God knew and came to my rescue and healed me.

"Also my son Raymond was required to take a physical examination while he was working at the hospital as he was working around foods. The doctor said he had a hernia, therefore, his instructor gave him his choice either to undergo an operation or give up the job. Raymond chose to give up the job and trust God. Later he was examined for the army, and the army doctor also said he had a hernia. Last fall he applied for another job, took the written test and passed it, but there was just one hindrance and that was this hernia as he always would put it on his application when asked about defects. He again was required to take a physical examination. This time the doctor said, 'I find no hernia', (for God had healed him). Thank God! He got the job and is still working. . . I enjoy reading The Mission Trail very much. With Christian love," --Eva Hardman

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From North Carolina: "Dear Bro. Murphey, It is the joy of my heart to greet you today in the lovely name of our Saviour--the one that loves us and died for us while we were yet sinners. He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for iniquities, and by His stripes we are healed. Surely it is a privilege to be with the dear saints of God and to be one of them. We love and appreciate them so much. We have been reading The Mission Trail some and enjoy it very much. We see the testimonies of so many of the dear saints we know. . . Yours in Christian love," --Stacy Biddix

at press time

we understand:

BRO. JOHN W. WILSON and his wife Sister Essie on their 25th wedding anniversary Aug. 24, 1967.

In the morning hours of January 23, 1968 there came to a close a life of one of God's faithful warriors. Bro. John Wilson spent his last days in the Golden Rule Home where loved ones cared for him during the days of his failing health. He was 83 and has been a minister of the gospel for many years. He often stressed the importance of the unsaved making their peace with God while time was still available. Much of his ministry was in the state of Missouri, and he lived in Springfield for a number of years. Plans are being made for the funeral service this week to be held in the saints' chapel near Shawnee and burial to be made in the cemetery north of Shawnee.

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Earnest prayer is requested for my sister, Mrs. J. R. Kelly, 3012 Gorton Road, Shreveport, Louisiana 71109, who is seriously ill and very frail in body. We would appreciate the saints remembering her with a card or letter.

ODIE N. BELCHER, was born August 7, 1884. He had been in failing health for over a year and not able to go to the house of the Lord. He went as long as he was able, often saying, "I don't feel like going, but I am going anyway." He accepted the Evening Light truth in 1934 and was sanctified. He trusted the Lord fully from that time for soul and body until his death. December 24, 1967 he had a stroke. He passed away in his sleep on Jan. 12, 1968. He was 83 years old. We had his funeral Jan. 15 at San Fernando and took him to Orland, Calif. for burial where his sister Ruth Rudd was buried. Odie was a lover of beautiful things. He lived a beautiful life, patient and kind, never complaining. He often talked of how beautiful heaven would be and longed to go there. Pray for Cecil and me. Christian love,

--Your Sister Rada Watkins

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From Mississippi: ". . . I have been suffering with arthritis in my left shoulder and arm for the last month. I just put off writing till I got to feeling better. . . Remember me when you all pray. May the Lord bless you all in your work for Him."

--Sister Maggie Powell

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Congratulations to Leslie and Sylvia Busbee of Springfield, Missouri on the birth of their daughter on Friday, January 19.

THE MISSION TRAIL, originating in Guthrie, Okla., is broadcast by radio and published weekly in printed form by Willie and Frances Murphey with the help of others. It is mailed free of charge to those who request it. Its purpose is to reach the hungry hearts of the unsaved everywhere with the gospel which will save them. Its principal support comes from the free will contributions of its listeners and readers. Those who feel directed by the Lord to assist may do so by sending their offering to: THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Okla. 73044.

For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

Broadcast Schedule

Listen for THE MISSION TRAIL weekly on one of the following stations:

RADIO STATION	LOCATION	DIAL SETTING	TIME
KXOW	Hot Springs, Ark.	1420 kc.	Sunday, 7:15 a.m.
KCRS	Midland, Texas	550 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a.m.
KCLO	Leavenworth, Kans.	1410 kc.	Sunday, 3:00 p.m.
WFPR	Hammond, La.	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a.m.
KCKW	Jena, La.	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
KCIJ	Shreveport, La.	980 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.

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